

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

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From Some Editorial Notes:

Christmas Greetings.—This number of the JOURNAL completes the twelfth volume and is the end of another year. It has been a very large year and indeed filled with surprises and awful shocks. But we, on this edge of the world, can be very thankful for our position, and for the fair degree of prosperity that has been vouchsafed to us. Trying times are with us and trying days are to come. To every member the JOURNAL wishes a Christmas present of courage and encouragement; look steadily toward the future as dispassionately as possible, and remember our duties and our rewards in the knowledge of things accomplished, suffering aided and good done. We will all have to economize on some of our luxuries, but let us do it cheerfully and be thankful for the gift of peace that has been given to us to enjoy; just now it is a very rare and precious present.

A Word on Papers.—While on the subject of contributions to the JOURNAL, it may not be out of place to reiterate some suggestions to authors; to some, they may seem trivial, but they are all very essential to acceptance and prompt consideration.

All manuscripts must be typewritten and on one side only of the sheet of paper.

Always leave a margin at the left of the page, at least an inch in width.

Never "single space"; always use the double space in typewriting a paper.

Read over the finished paper carefully, and make sure of the correct spelling of proper names, publications quoted, etc.

Always spell words out in full; do not abbreviate, like "temp." for temperature. Do not try any fancy stunts with "revised spelling," such as "tho" and "thru," etc.

Buy a medical dictionary, and satisfy yourself that all diphthongs, except for the terminal plural, are no longer used.

In making a quotation, be sure that the quotation marks are placed at the end, as well as the beginning of the portion quoted.

Never roll a manuscript; send it flat or folded as many times as you like, but do not roll it. If you want to know why, just roll up some sheets of paper, leave them tightly rolled for a few days and then try to handle them!

Never paste cuts or illustrations on sheets in the middle of a paper. Send them in separately, properly marked with the legend you think should go under them, with your name on the back, and indicate in the paper where you would like them to go.

Put your name and city on the first sheet under the title of your paper. (It would surprise you a whole lot to know how many contributors forget to do this little thing!)

Number the sheets consecutively from first to last.

Case histories should be as carefully written as any other portion of a manuscript, and no abbreviations used.

Ordinary bedside charts, as frequently sent in, cannot be reproduced, but have to be redrawn. Illustrations are seldom necessary, if a paper is well and clearly written.

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† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

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Secretary-Treasurer

Board Proceedings

A regular meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners was held at the State Capitol, Sacramento, October 16 to 19, 1939.

Approximately sixty-eight applicants wrote the examination, including physicians and surgeons, drugless practitioners and chiroprodists.

The officers of the Board for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

William R. Molony, Sr., M. D., president.

Clark L. Abbott, M. D., vice-president.

Charles B. Pinkham, M. D., secretary-treasurer.

Printed forms were adopted, under Chapter 955, Statutes 1939, covering registered dispensing opticians.

The so-called Extra-Mural Schools of Great Britain were disapproved because of reports of low standards.

The following actions were taken by the Board following hearings:

Joseph B. Blackshaw, M. D., Edward J. J. Finnerty, M. D., Roscoe Earl Hamlin, M. D., and Roy Paul Woodruff, M. D., were found guilty of narcotic dereliction and penalty was deferred until the October meeting.

Harry Hugh Ellis, M. D., on October 18, 1939, was placed on probation for two years for aiding and abetting.

Stewart J. Fitch, M. D., on October 18, 1939, was placed on probation for a period of five years, based on conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.

Ralph Wayne Harris, M. D., on October 18, 1939, was placed on probation for five years, without narcotic privileges, based upon conviction of violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act.

Charles C. Landis, M. D., on October 18, 1939, was found guilty of aiding and abetting, and penalty was deferred until the regular meeting of the Board to be held in San Francisco, June, 1940.

The following licenses were revoked:

Lee V. Evitts, licensed chiroprapist, revoked October 19, 1939.

Perley B. Exelby, M. D., evoked October 18, 1939 (aiding and abetting).

Paul L. Markley, M. D., revoked October 18, 1939, based upon record of conviction of violation of the Harrison Act.

Thomas D. Wyatt, M. D., cited on three charges of alleged illegal operation; was found guilty on two charges, and revoked October 19, 1939, on each, the third charge being dismissed.

Hearing on charges of the following individuals cited before the Board were continued to the next regular meeting:

Nathan S. Housman, M. D.

William R. Owens, M. D.

John Marshall Robinson, Jr., M. D.

Gifford L. Sobey, M. D.

Daniel R. Wilson, M. D.

On November 2, Governor Olson announced the appointment of William A. Swim, M. D., Los Angeles, as a member of the Board of Medical Examiners, vice John MacLean, M. D., term expired.

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